

MIDWEST ELONGATED COLLECTORS

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FIRST 1974 NEWSLETTER 1974 QUARTER

Fox Hunt Brings Joy



by Jack Wilcox

Learning one of our local coin club members was an avid "FOX THEME" collector, I decided to see what I could track down in our elongated field to surprise him with. The hunt was on!

Checking my collection and various lists I managed to learn five different foxes were rolled. My efforts bagged three which I'll list as follows:

"THE FOX FOREVER"

"ANNIVERSARY FOX" (Beam bottle)

"THE FOX TROPHY" (Beam bottle)

Bob Luchtman's list shows two other Beam Bottle issues:

38v

65v

"GOLD FOX"

"WHITE FOX"

I failed in my efforts to trap these so if anyone can supply their "hides" I'll gladly work out a trade.

I surprised this member with the three "long" foxes at this month's meeting. His remark, "This is the most Fox items I've gotten at one time since I started this collection", was worth the effort involved.



Anyone having foxes at home in their "den" this friend will be happy to talk "bounty" with you. He collects "Mr. Fox" on tokens, medals, coins, wood, pins, postcards, you name it! Just drop me a line, I'll relay your message.

Letter Carrier, Route 103
North Brunswick
New Jersey 08902



FINAL NOTICE!

The following members have not paid their 1974 dues.

33. Dominic Di Benedetto
52. Roxanne Davis
55. Marsha A. Mc Allister
56. Norma Quant

65. Phillip W. Ott
72. Bruce C. Sumner
76. William G. Blaha

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BURTON NEAL LEVY

Congratulations on your splendid effort of the MEC Newsletter; one of the best. - Rudy Skaritka

You have done wonders with the MEC Newsletter. Every issue gets better. - Lloyd E. Wagaman

It's hard to mail cash when ordering elongateds. One hates to make out a check for small amounts. With postage soon to go up to 10¢ perhaps a bill plus stamps (enclosed properly) will be the answer. - You might bring this to mind in the newsletter asking how the rollers feel. - Jack Wilcox

Hope to see you at the meeting Feb. 8th. Keep up the good work on the bulletins, etc. I like them - I get a kick out of some of the cartoons. - Charles Mueller

It's about time I got around to telling you how much I enjoyed your last MEC Newsletter. - "Answer to Question Box" - Tell Tom, Maurice M. Gould's PNC was issued at 1000 and sold for \$ 3.00. It is now bringing from \$ 15 to \$ 20. - Elton Parsons

Burt I wish to suggest meeting notices be omitted where I'm concerned and no doubt other out of state members will agree to this, also to save postage for MEC. - Jack Wilcox

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Wanted: New Jersey elongateds, N.J.ac 1, 3, 4, 8. N.J.pat 1. John H. Wilcox, Letter Carrier Rte. #103, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902

Wanted: Destroyed die coins Indiana #1 (map) and Indiana #2 (flag emblem) rolled by Lloyd Wagaman. Will pay ten dollars each or trade other elongateds. Eric H. Goodwin, 1112 South Figueroa St., Santa Ana, Calif., 92704

Wanted: N.J.pat 1, N.Y.buf 1,2, PENphi 5, XMAS 1, 2, 3, 5. Please send offers to Paul Aubry, 128 Jane Street, Englewood, N.J. 07631

Wanted: Old elongateds especially from New York. I have a collection of 144 Beam Bottle elongateds for trade or? Abe Gefter, 252 West 38th Street, New York, N.Y. 10018

Trade : I have the following elongateds for trade or?

WCE 1d,2b,4 ILL-CPIE 19,45,92,99

CAL-OB 3 CALsf 3 HAWAII 1a MO-SLWF 24 NY-PAE 16, 17 NYnf 5

ORE-LCCE 6 FDR 12 RELtc 1 XXX 18 - Burton Neal Levy

LLOYD SEZ:



Specialized Collecting

by Lloyd E. Wagaman



There is an old saying, "Why don't you practice what you preach," that could very well be told to me by many of my collecting friends. I have received a number of letters asking for advice on the collecting of elongateds. My answer to all of them has been to specialize. Choose yourself one or more categories that interest you and then go after them with all your might. You might prefer coins depicting the Christmas theme, or those of all Holidays in general. A popular specialty are those of all Fairs and Expositions. Another could be store cards or personal cards. One of the most popular categories is to collect by roller. Choose a roller whose quality of work attracts you and whose choice of subjects interest you and then try to get a specimen of every coin he rolls.

The collecting of elongateds has become so popular in the past few years that the number of rollers have increased greatly. My guess would be that at least 30 elongating machines are now operating in the U.S.A., with their production varying from a couple of coins up to 40 and 50 coins per year. It is nearly impossible to keep up with them all and the main joy in collecting is the hope that you will eventually be able to complete what you start.

No I don't practice what I preach. I am still trying to get them all. You might wonder why I advise others to specialize and still try to collect them all for myself. To answer that I can only say that when I started collecting there were only about 3 active rollers in the nation and by keeping in close touch it was most probable you could keep up with their productions. I collect these little buggers with a passion and I have a love for every one of them. I just haven't been able to tell any roller that I no longer want to collect his coins although I feel that time is fast approaching. To collect them all has not only become pretty expensive, it also takes more time than most working people have to spare.

I still advise, Specialize. It can provide a fascinating hobby that is inexpensive and doesn't require all your spare time.

Tom Hudson, Editor of Guide
Book of Wooden Money
1806 Rogers St. Apt. # 3
Long Beach, CA 90805

ELONGATED

Nickels - Dimes - Quarters - Halves
and
Aluminum or Foreign Silver
Elongateds

MEC 29

TEC 528

**WANTED
TO BUY!**

Send a list with pieces available and prices wanted. I will pay postage on lists sent.

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PAUL'S SPECIALTIES



I hope everyone had a good time during the holidays. First I would like to explain a few things about this column. When I say "cent and dime" it means that cents and dimes were sold, not made just for the roller. When I don't it means only cents were rolled.

Please help me, if I leave anything out or make any mistakes let me know because the purpose of this column is to help other collectors with their collections.

I have most of the coins listed, so if you have any questions I will be happy to answer them and send rubbings when possible.

DON ADAMS:

BEST WISHES/ CHRISTMAS 1972/ two standing reindeer, small curved line border, cent and nickel.

HENRY W. BLAHA:

HAVE A MERRY AND A HAPPY TOO/one reindeer head with a cap, small curved line at bottom, date?

WARREN BUNGE:

PEACE ON EARTH/ one large star, dotted border, date?
PEACE ON EARTH/ error, same as above completely in reverse.

CEE CEVEN ELONGATES:

E-9 SEASONS GREETINGS/ three bells, C7 border, date?

E-68 MERRY CHRISTMAS/ Christmas tree, C7 border, 1971.

E-69 BEST WISHES/ CHEER/ PEACE/ HAPPINESS/ JOY/ head of Santa, C7 border, 1971.

E-70 MERRY CHRISTMAS/ Santa head and holly leaves, C7 border, 1971.

E-71 SILVER BELLS/ two large bells with ribbons, C7 border, 1971.

E-72 NOEL/ holly leaves, C7 border, 1971.

E-73 JOYOUS HOLIDAYS/ large holly plant in center, C7 border, 1971.

E-74 MERRY CHRISTMAS/ three lite candles with holly leaves at base, C7 border, 1971.

E-75 HAPPY HOLIDAYS/ snowman, C7 border, 1971.

E-76 MERRY XMAS/ NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J./ JACK and PEG WILCOX/ map of New Jersey with a star on North Brunswick and holly leaves at each end, C7 border, 1971.

E-101 MERRY CHRISTMAS/ manger scene, C7 border, cent and dime, 1972.

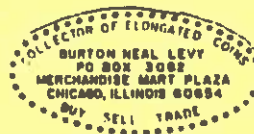
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CEE CEVEN ELONGATES:

- E-102 GLORY TO GOD/ PEACE ON EARTH/ bible with a candle and dove, C7 border, cent and dime, 1972.
- E-103 HOLIDAY CHEER/ lantern with light and ribbon, C7 border, cent and dime, 1972.
- E-104 HO HO HO MERRY CHRISTMAS 1972/ head of Santa, C7 border, cent and dime.
- E-105 SILENT NIGHT/ Christmas tree with snow under and stars in the sky, C7 border, cent and dime, 1972.
- E-106 CHRISTMAS BLESSING/ basket of fruit with leaves, C7 border, cent and dime, 1972.
- E-107 LOVE - PEACE - HAPPINESS/ XMAS 1972/ big dove on a branch, C7 border, cent and dime.
- E-108 HOLIDAY CHEER 1972/ partridge on a branch with leaves and pears, C7 border, cent and dime.
- E-109 GREETINGS 1972/ large lite candle with ribbon at base, C7 border, cent and dime.
- E-110 JOYS OF CHRISTMAS/ small boy reaching into his stocking in front of a fireplace with presents at his feet, note; on a small truck is the date /1972/ C7 border, cent and dime.
- E-111 MERRY CHRISTMAS/ RUDY - C7 - BETTY/ 1972/ C7 border, cent and dime.
- E-122 MERRY CHRISTMAS/ 1973/ bust of Rudolph the reindeer facing left with lite nose, C7 border.
- E-123 RUDOLPH GUIDE MY SLEIGH TONIGHT/ reindeer flying with lite nose and snow flakes, line border, 1973.
- E-124 SANTAS HELPER RUDOLPH/ bust of reindeer facing right with ribbon around neck, line border, 1973.
- E-125 RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER/ head of reindeer facing front with lite nose and ribbon around neck, line border, 1973.
- E-126 MERRY XMAS TO ALL 1973/ Santa waving, C7 border.
- E-127 MERRY CHRISTMAS 1973 - CEE CEVEN ELONGATES (no description available.)

Spadone's Got'em !

"The Sport of Kings", and "Silver Jubilee-Israel 25th Anniversary" elongateds which previously were sold by B. Rubenstein are now available from John Spadone, 4872 N.W. Terrace, Opa Locka, Fl.



Burt - Lynne I'm going to run an ad in the newsletter for the Wagaman elongateds I need. Perhaps I arrange a trade or buy them.

Lynne - I sure hope you can pick up the pieces you need. I know how much it means to you.

Indiana # 13 Lloyd E. Wagaman Storecard (serial numbered)

Indiana # 22 Indianapolis Sesquicentennial Lucky Dollar

Political # 1a Lincoln Mini-Medal

Society # 8 TEC Award 1967

Society # 8a TEC Award 1968

And all Special Issues, Varieties, Odd Balls, and Cancelled Dies.

(Paid Ad)

GOOD NEWS - BAD NEWS

Good News - Shel Green recently rolled his first storecard and limited the issue to 17 elongateds.

Bad News - The die was reversed!

Good News - A.A. Rosato released a booklet titled, "Elongated Coins By A.A. Rosato". This 1974 edition is a reference price catalog which lists all elongateds produced by Rosato, and specimens rolled during 1967 through 1973 inclusive.

Bad News - The elongateds prior to 1973 were increased in price as much as three fold.

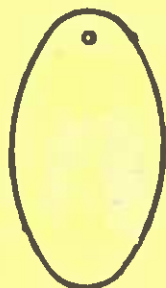
Good News - As of this newsletter we have 75 members on the 1974 roster.

Bad News - We hear from eighty per cent of them when membership dues are requested. The rest of the year they remain the silent majority.

FREE ELONGATED COIN

SIMULATED #17

(Diff. reverse)



COURTESY OF:

Charles Mueller

3746 So. East Ave.

Berwyn, IL. 60402

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"It All Began In 1892!" - "Everyone Enjoys Elongated Coins!" That's what caught my eye in an advertisement in the Nov. '73 issue of Coinage Magazine. 'Send For Free Brochure Listing Wide Range Of Quality Elongated Coins.' - House of Elongateds.

Who was House of Elongateds? I thought of several west coast rollers who might have formed the company, but I wasn't certain so I sent for the free brochure.

A few days later I received the following reply:

Nov. 19, 1973

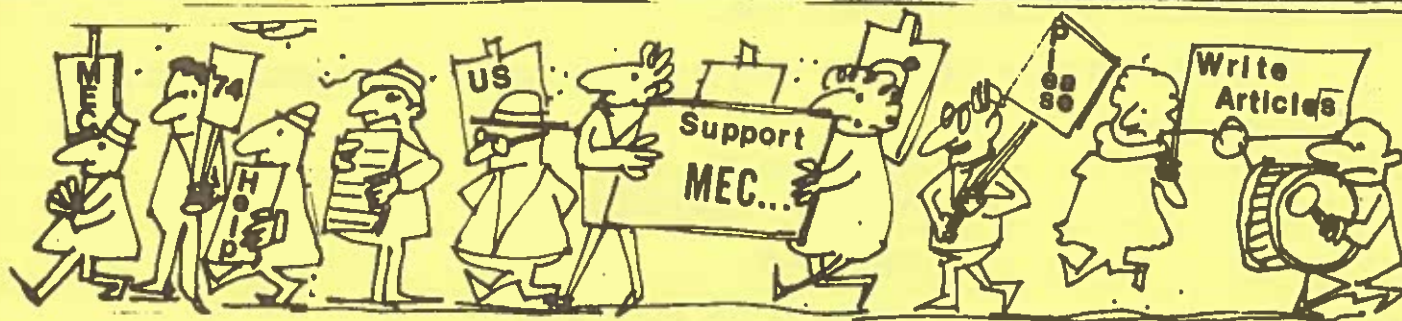
Dear Burton,

"This may surprise you but the House of Elongateds is a little company that Claude Thomas and I formed and we are having a lot of fun. There have been some results from the Coinage ad but I doubt if anyone will ever get rich in the elongated hobby. In any case, I am enclosing our elongated brochures. Claude and I now do all of our own work and use the photo fabrication processes. It took us at least six months of experimentation to master this and if I were not a professional photographer I am sure it would still be a mystery..."

Lee Martin

In Newsletter Number One issued by House of Elongateds Lee and Claude introduce themselves as follows: Lee Martin works for Behn-Miller Publications as Advertising Director, writer, etc. and the creation of elongateds is a happy diversion of the everyday pressures and deadlines of his job. Claude Thomas, retired from the hectic life of a professional coin dealer, is now in the more relaxed role of elongated roller.

Learn more of 'House of Elongateds' and Lee Martin & Claude Thomas - send for their free brochures. They're two fine chaps who have added a New Dimension to the World of Elongateds.

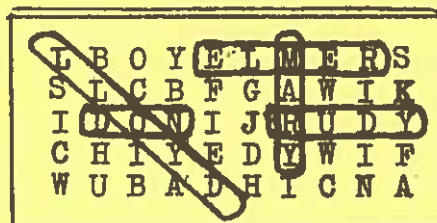




FIND THE ROLLER...

by
COLLECTOR OF ELONGATED COINS
BURTON NEAL LEVY
PO BOX 3088
MERCHANDISE MART PLAZA
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60684
BUY SELL TRADE

Example:



Answer;

Next Issue!

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(31 Last Names)

WANTED:

1904 MO.-SLWF ELONGATEDS

- # 3 Palace of Art
- #16 The Pike Souvenir
- #20 U.S. Government Building
- #23 Hall's / Chicago Rx. La. Purchase Monument

ALSO WANTED:

All MO.-SLWF elongateds rolled on coins other than cents.

Any early Wisconsin elongateds.

Unusual exonumia from the 1904 Fair and early Wisconsin items.

A Dow book.

KURT R. KRUEGER

P.O. Box 9

North Prairie, Wis. 53153

(Paid Ad)

My Indian Friend
at the
1933 World's Fair

David J. Singer



Before me is a Century of Progress elongated coin of the American Indian Village. My mind drifts back to 1933 - forty years ago - when I rolled the souvenir on an Indian penny. There on the copper penny is the Sioux Indian chief who let me be photographed in his war bonnet. He would charge a quarter or fifty cents - whatever the traffic would bear - to outsiders who wanted to be photoed in his elaborate and decorative headgear. So there I was on a picture with the long flowing bonnet made of eagle feathers - just like Calvin Coolidge and other important men who were pictured wearing the official trade-mark of the top office of a tribal chief.

I saw the chief doing his war dance in his tribal costume and I saw him in his civilian clothes. One day he taught me some Indian words, like lakota and washte (or was it washita) meaning Indian and whiteman. Another day he showed me some sign languages. With his hand cupped downward fingers together, then snapping them open as he dropped his hand, he was telling me it is raining. Then with his hands at his side lifting them upwards and and out freely, you know he was showing the sun rising; he was saying, "Good morning." And in-between lessons he asked me if I knew any young ladies for him. No, the chief did not sleep in his wigwam on the Indian Village ground, like the New Mexico Indians that slept in their mud-made hogans. He had a nice room at a large hotel just outside the World Fair on Michigan Boulevard.

There were other Indian tribes besides the Sioux from the Dakotas. They came from the neighboring states of Wisconsin, from Arizona, and New Mexico. The youngmen of the Sioux and from Wisconsin did not have to ask to be introduced to the ladies. Crowds would always gather around the red-men, ask for autographs, and engage them in conversation. The visitors then could go home and tell how they met real live Indians. They could show picture post-cards purchased at the Indian Trading Post at the American Indian Village and other souvenirs - and most likely the penny that was stretched out and showed a view of the different Indian houses, the tee-pees, the wigwams, the hogans, the totem poles made on their "own penny right before their eyes for only a nickel".

P.S. Dave resides in Skokie, Illinois which is the world's largest village, and both city and state names are attributed to Indian tribes which once lived in the area.



